

I am John W. Burton,

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As you may know, I had hoped to balance the ISO Board by representing energy efficiency professionals and small customers who benefit by reducing electric grid loads. I have also become a strong advocate for the superior benefits public power will provide to a rapidly growing number of unrepresented Californians.

We The People now understand that FERC has functioned as the Federal Extortion Racket Club for deregulated private commercial giants like Enron.

We have also begun to realize the extent to which the ISO and California's electricity market design is the result of aggressive, sophisticated and perhaps conspiratorial influences of corporate managers over the State of California.

Californians must unite for continuing protection against last year's corporate terrorism allowed by the unwise restructuring of our electric utilities.

All Board members, management and staff of California's Independent System Operator must reconsider your roles and loyalties in this light. Will you join with Californians to form a just and winning team, or continue to drift under submission to FERC (Federal Extortion Racket Club)?

Our team includes: TURN, UCAN, Consumers Union, labor unions, environmental groups, a fast growing list of lawmakers (including Senators Boxer, Burton, Peace, Feinstein, etc.) Governor Davis, the Electricity Oversight Board, the Attorney General, the Public Utilities Commission, and the California Power Authority.

In closing, the ISO can support justice for Californians by taking the following actions.

1. Aggressively insist that FERC begin to serve the just needs of Californians. FERC must continue western regional protections for as much time as we require to redesign our electricity market deliberately for all Californians.

2. Collaborate intimately with all State government agencies to reform our electric system in the short and long term. Full consideration and integration of PUC and CMUA suggestions for ISO market redesign can create a product that Californians deserve.

3. We cannot afford the continued neglect of demand-responsive load management, energy conservation, renewable, and distributed generation. The California Power Authority has developed a clean growth energy investment plan that deserves immediate collaborative support. This plan includes some of the best thinking of over 30 years of efforts by environmentalists, the California Energy Commission and other professionals.

A primary purpose of the Power Authority is to insure a reserve margin in California's electric system to protect us from the free marketers. The California ISO has a moral obligation to join forces and collaborate extensively with the Power Authority to create a Market Design 2002 (MD02) that provides real reserve margin insurance for all Californians.